

Fire Protection Alliance
September 15, 2005 Minutes

Meeting at Salisbury Station 51, was opened by Bob Parnell.

Attending:

Terry Smith-Spencer
Rusty Alexander-Locke
Bo Geter-Salisbury
David Morris-Salisbury
Art Delaney-FMO
David Deal- South Salisbury

Scott Gardner- Faith
Bob Jarvis-Granite Quarry
Tammy File-Salisbury
Bob Parnell-Salisbury
Johnny Thomason-Franklin

Last month's (August 2005) minutes were reviewed and accepted.

Bob Parnell said that Ben Mynatt Chevrolet wants to do something for the departments involved in fighting the fire that was at their establishment. They want to buy something for the departments. For each car that they sell they are planning on give us \$100 and it has been suggested that we use that money for the transport costs for the items that we are sending to the Gulf. There was a video crew at Ben Mynatt and South Salisbury went over there to represent the fire departments.

Bob Parnell asked if the Alliance departments want to adopt a fire station, he said that some of the departments have nothing left.

David Deal made the suggestion that when he takes the trailer we have loaded down to the Gulf, he will out what is needed.

Art Delaney asked if we were loaning items to the Gulf departments are what? He said he has been getting more moral support from area departments than financial support. He suggested that the Alliance departments distribute items to the Gulf departments as a loan because FEMA will be getting them the supplies they need. If the Alliance departments give it to the Gulf departments then FEMA will not buy the items because they will already have them. He said we definitely need a list of what the departments need.

Johnny Thomason said he agreed on getting a list of what they need so that the Gulf departments are not loaded down with items they don't need.

Bob Jarvis said that Granite Quarry is going to do something, just need to know what items to send to them.

Rusty Alexander said he wants to wait until we get the list and send them what they need.

The seminar in Charlotte is to be held on October 15th-16th.

Rusty Alexander with Locke gave a report on how the "Touch N Track" is working with his station. He said that the accountability part of the system is working great but there is a problem with the sector part of the system. Whole companies can not log in to the system; each person has to check in individually. What time factor, it was agreed to standardize it for 10 minutes.

Rusty is going to send us the form that he uses to with everyone's information so that we can start putting that information into our Touch N Track.

David Morris asked if Rusty and Johnny would put together a class on how to use the Touch N Track system for the other departments. They said they would help but the salesmen will also come in and train departments if necessary.

Bob Parnell said he would like it to be a goal for all the Alliance departments to have their Touch N Track systems up and running by Christmas.

Discussion was brought up about the Honor Guard and the memorial service that was held for Jason Brown. The memorial service had so many people attend that they all wouldn't fit into the church, it was a nice service.

The Honor Guard is having some difficulties with members not working together. Johnny Thomason said it seems like they all want to do their own thing, not organized, not working together. People quit but not technically, but just don't show up. Need to set some guidelines at Association meeting. There are classes that can be taken Honor Guard Levels I and II that don't cost anything. Johnny said that Ronnie Fulcher has shown some interest in coming back and organizing the Honor Guard.

Bob Parnell said that he received a call from a member of the Honor Guard who wanted to purchase bricks for a memorial to Jason Brown. A little later he was called back saying they wanted to cancel the order that they didn't have money to pay for the bricks.

It was suggested that a policy be comprised of what services the Honor Guard can do.

Bo Geter said that Charlotte Fire Department has an Honor Guard that is well organized and does a terrific job; he suggested that they might be willing to come here and help our guard as well.

David Morris gave a report on the CAD changes that he and Robbie Robinson have been working on for the last few weeks. He asked for suggestions and a few were made. He said that copies will be distributed to all Alliance departments when they are finalized. Capt. Moore will make maps to give to each Alliance department.

Bob Parnell said that City Council approved a 1.125 million dollar budget for the building of a new Salisbury fire station. The groundbreaking is going to be held before November and the foundation should be started in February or March.

Round Table

David Deal of South Salisbury wanted to know if everyone was okay with the incident that happened on the Interstate. He said it was the worse scene he had seen as far as communications. David said he appreciated Tim Hurlocker, David Morris and South Salisbury with helping them out on this incident.

Art Delaney said when you have one second to make a decision on something it can be very difficult for the most part he thought it was handled well.

Bob Jarvis of Granite Quarry had nothing to add.

Terry Smith of Spencer said drill had been cancelled and need to reschedule.

Scott Garnder of Faith said that Faith Fire Department has switched to Scott air packs and they are moving forward with the Touch N Track system.

Rusty Alexander of Locke thanked everyone for all the help his department received last week after the death of Jason Brown. Rusty also said the live burn they had last weekend was the best ever. They got 70 burns out of the house and they had 75 people participating. Rusty said the Rookies found out what firefighting is all about. Good training had 26 burns in one room.

David Morris of Salisbury asked if they still wanted to do the training at the VA on September 25th with the fuel restrictions. It was decided that the training would go on as previously planned. He will have Todd Overcash put out another email reminding everyone of the training.

Bo Geter of Salisbury wanted to thank Spencer for going out to North Rowan Middle school and picking up items they wanted to donate to the Hurricane Katrina Relief.

Johnny Thomason of Franklin wanted to remind everyone of the Water Relay that is scheduled for the end of October. He also said he appreciated all the help with the live burns that they have had.

Art Delaney of FMO said that he has a lot of VHS tapes from Coye Sander who is a safety trainer. If you would like any of these tapes please come by and get them, great tool for Safety Officers to use.

The next Alliance meeting is scheduled for October 20th at Station 75 in Spencer at 3pm.